

(SRI R. NAGAN GOWDA)

(b) whether this State Government would depute one of our qualified technical men (with the consent of the Government of Madras) to accompany the East German Technical Experts in their investigations on Salem ore and the suitability of Neyveli lignite as a fuel;

(c) whether this State Government would invite these East German Technical experts to visit our Iron mines and advise this Government on the possibility of putting up *Low Shaft Furnaces* and produce pig iron by using either Neyveli lignite or low quality coal from Singareni mines which are the nearest to our State;

(d) whether there are any trained technicians in our Government on Low Shaft Furnaces;

(e) whether they will send a technically qualified man to countries like Germany where such low shaft furnaces are reported to be in operation using low quality coal and lignite?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Madras State Government has invited these German Technical Experts. It may not be possible for us to depute our experts to accompany these German Technical Experts. It may however be mentioned that the Ministry of Steel, Government of India, has constituted a Committee to examine the question of utilisation of Salem ores and Neyveli lignite and Sri B. Sheshadri Sharma, Additional General Manager of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works is a member of that Committee.

(c) The Government of India was addressed to request the Committee mentioned above constituted by the Government of India also to examine the question of utilising iron ores of Bellary. The Government of India have called for certain particulars which are being furnished. It is hoped that the Government of India would pursue the question of utilising

Bellary area either by using Neyveli lignite or Singareni coal.

(d) Sri B. Sheshadri Sharma, Additional General Manager, was sent on a delegation by the Government of India in 1956 to study the low shaft furnaces in East Germany.

(e) In view of (d) there appears to be no necessity at the present moment to depute any one else to study the low shaft furnaces in foreign countries like Germany where low shaft furnaces are reported to be in operation.

Award of Scholarships to Students of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Backward Classes.

*Q.—278. Sri MANJAPPA ULLAL (Karkal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amounts of scholarship granted by them to students belonging to depressed classes, backward classes and scheduled tribes respectively during the year 1959-60 (Districtwise information may be furnished);

(b) out of the above, the amount given by the Central Government for granting scholarships to such students;

(c) out of the above, the amount allotted for old Mysore area, Madras Karnatak, Hyderabad Karnatak and Bombay Karnatak respectively?

A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) (b) and (c) The information asked for is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House when it is ready.

Complaints of Corruption against Officials of Anti-Corruption Department.

*Q.—387. Sri M. LINGE GOWDA (Kanakapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether there were any complaints of corruption against any of the officials in the Anti-Corruption Department and if so, the number of them?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

No regular complaints have been received. Eight anonymous petitions have been received.

Members' representations.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before we go to the next item, I have something to announce. I have received a letter from the undersigned, *i.e.*, Sri K. Kenchappa and Sri J. B. Mallaradhy and it is to the effect :

“ We the undersigned members of the P.S.P group desire to intimate to you that we have decided to join the Congress Legislature Party on this day the 1st of April 1960.

This decision is taken in view of the fact that the present Ministry had made astounding progress during its tenure of office. In particular we can't help admiring the way in which the PWD Minister Sri H. M. Channabasappa has been carrying on his work ; his defence of the Sharavati contracts was a masterpiece and the work has been commendable.

We are also convinced that there is no room or need for an opposition, especially in the context of Planning. We are pained to note that a few irresponsible Congressmen are indulging in destructive propaganda against the Ministry. Hence our decision. Please announce this today,

1st April 1960. **K. KENCHAPPA,**
J. B. MALLARADHYA.”

It came to me yesterday at the fag end of the day and so I announced it to-day.

(Loud laughter)

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—Sir, I welcome not only the two Hon'ble Members but all others.

Perhaps, to fool others they have done this, but they have befooled themselves.

(Laughter).

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—Sir, there must be a sense of humour on the All Fools Day. I think, we have not tried to fool anybody nor to fool ourselves. The fact is, Sri Narasimhan took my signature yesterday on a plain sheet.

(Laughter)

Mr. SPEAKER.—He must have likewise taken the signature of Sri Kenchappa also. Anyway, I can take no action on this. If the Members change the sides, I can take action. I also received another letter from Sri V. S. Patil and Sri Sunthankar saying that they had decided to resign but they have withdrawn. (Laughter) So, I cannot take any action on it also.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi) — Sir, I have a submission to make, because the Chief Minister is here, 5th April is Sri Rama Navami day which is a very important festival. I request the Chair and the Chief Minister to declare 5th as a holiday. Last year, the Speaker was inclined to decide Sri Rama Navami as a holiday but he did not keep up the promise. At least this time, I request the Chair and the Chief Minister to take a decision and announce their decision before the close of the day.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will consider it.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1960-61— DEMANDS FOR GRANTS Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17.

(Debate continued)

†**Sri V. S. PATIL** (Belgachem-I).—Sir, so far as the Demands are concerned, I should like to say a few words about them. I was surprised, Sir, when the Hon'ble Chief Minister yesterday replied to the question regarding the